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Re: EPR-SR

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Michael Crill
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Dear Mr. Crill:

On behalf of EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson, I want to thank you for your note to him dated January 3, 2007 concerning the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site in Libby, Montana. I want to assure you that EPA shares your heartfelt concern for the health and well-being of the citizens in Libby. However, we do not share the assertions made in your note or home video that was shown at the November 2006 Libby Citizen's Advisory Group (CAG) meeting.

EPA does not have the authority or desire to control who moves in or out of Libby, Montana. EPA does provide property-specific information to both realtors and prospective home buyers upon request. Based on this information, people can make their own relocation decisions. Also, since December 2006, EPA has been providing updated results of the Ambient Air Sampling Program directly to the CAG, the Technical Advisory Group (TAG), and the Lincoln County Commissioners. This data and much more is also available at the EPA Information Center in Libby for anyone who requests it. EPA also maintains a very robust website for the Libby Asbestos Site. EPA believes the Lincoln County community is very well informed about the status of our asbestos removal project, and people from out of town have many means of obtaining the same information.

EPA's cleanup actions have removed well over 400,000 cubic yards of asbestos contaminated materials from over 800 properties, including all of the "hot-spot" sources in the area. The Agency has screened over 4400 properties for the presence of asbestos contaminated materials and prioritized over 1400 for clean up. Thus, while the job in Libby is far from done, I can comfortably state that Libby, Montana, is much safer now than it was seven years ago and is safer every day that we continue our work there.

If you would like further information regarding our assessment and asbestos removal activity, please feel free to contact the EPA Information Center in Libby at (406) 293-6194.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Roberts
Regional Administrator

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